

IMPROVING SCHOOL BOARDS

Convention of Members is Suggested for Exchange of Ideas.

MANY QUESTIONS THEY MIGHT CONSIDER

Learning the Experience of Others They Could Manage Affairs of Their District to Better Advantage.

Secretary Gilliam of the Omaha Board of Education was asked yesterday what suggestions he had to make with regard to the organization and proceedings of the department of school administration...

"I have but a very imperfect idea of what others may have in view with regard to this department," said Mr. Gilliam, "but I am of the opinion that if the department is properly organized and supported by school board men it will become a very important factor in the educational work of this growing state..."

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IMPORTANCE OF JANITORS. "And in this connection I would like to suggest that a great many people have but a vague notion of the real importance of having good, reliable, competent and respectable men as janitors in our public buildings..."

CHANGES IN LAWS. "Another very important matter which should have the attention of school board men is the needed changes in the law bearing upon the educational work and the management of the schools..."

CARNIVAL AND LAZON NOTES. "The young ladies who are in line for 'Maid of Honor' are beginning to think of the style of costume to be worn during Carnival week..."

PERSONALLY CONDUCTED EXCURSIONS TO CALIFORNIA. VIA MEN'S ROUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO. Leave Omaha every Friday, 3:30 p. m., reaching San Francisco Monday, 9:45 a. m.

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FIRST-CLASS VAUDEVILLE SHOW.

Fine Entertainment on the Boards at the Creighton. One of the brightest, cleanest and best vaudeville entertainments ever presented to an Omaha audience is that afforded by the group of performers which is appearing at the Creighton.

They will take a word of advice, will not miss the two performances today. Even those who do not, for one reason or another, habitually attend the theater on the first day of the week might be less probably employed and easily worse entertained.

There is a black-face comedian, whose exact dancing motions for a certain lack of will to his conversation; a really remarkable pair of acrobats; and a wire walker who does startling feats of balancing and takes a number of the most serious of stunts.

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South Omaha News.

According to figures compiled by the stock yards company the number of feeding cattle shipped out into the state this year was 159,855, which is an increase of 74,311 over the same period in 1896.

Overton Will Lead. Walter H. Overton, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, will lead the choir at the Epworth League devotional meeting this evening and at the regular prayer meeting next Wednesday evening.

Epworth League Watch Service. Friday evening, December 31, the Epworth League will conduct a watch-night service at the First Methodist Episcopal church.

Armed Men Have a Holiday. There was no work at the Armour plant yesterday, all of the employees being allowed a day off to enjoy Christmas dinner.

Police Judge's Christmas. Yesterday Police Judge Christmann convened court at 7:30 o'clock in the morning in order that the unfortunate in jail might have an opportunity of enjoying the holiday.

Have Fun with Each Other. The usual number of Christmas jokes were played among the well known businessmen of the city.

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HOLIDAY RATES. The Northwestern line announces greatly reduced rates for the holidays within certain limits in all directions.

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Men's Slippers. Ladies' Slippers. Ladies' genuine Imported Turkish \$1.00 slippers, 50c.

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Skates. If you did not receive a pair of skates yesterday as a present, call on us and we will sell you a pair so low that you will have no excuse for not owning a pair.

Klipper Klub Skates. Always give satisfaction and wear for years. They are hollow ground and sharpened ready for use, and are warranted.

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The End of 1897. Is drawing to a close and we wish at this time to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and patrons for their liberal patronage throughout the year.

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Holiday Pianos. Clearing sale of our entire stock of Ivers & Pond, VOSE & Sons, EMERSON and other pianos is now offered at—

Ivers & Pond, Vose & Sons and Emerson Pianos. Our competitors make prices on old ones and wish you to believe they are new—Here is the proof—

Schmoller & Mueller, Reliable Piano Dealers. 105 S. 15th St. Tel. 1625.

HAYDEN BROTHERS. The Greatest Semi-Annual Sale of Clothing still continues—Man must earn his bread by the sweat of his brow—The purchasing power of every dollar thus earned should be extended to the utmost limits of its power—

KODAKS and CAMERAS. Are Valuable Christmas Gifts. Make your Selection early.

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